

142 there was arrest of growth of the left ear which was about a third of the size of the right.

Skin.—The complexion is pale and very seldom freckled, not bronzing from exposure to the sun, but becoming a clear red. Wrinkles come early, especially about the eyes.

Hair.—The hair is usually a dark brown, sometimes, though seldom, black; in many cases it is of a dark shade scarcely distinguishable, when cut close, from true black; the beard, which is usually much lighter than the hair of the scalp, in these cases is often a clear dark brown. As a general rule the dark hair is accompanied by blue or grey eyes, and the black by light or dark hazel. The hair of both sexes is often abundant, but partial baldness is not at all uncommon even in men under forty. The beard is usually fairly large.

151 *Sight and hearing.*—Both of these are very acute; of 18 men tested with Snellen's types, not one had vision of less than $\frac{1}{4}$, and nine of them could read the 5 metre type at over 14 metres. The distance at which they can make out a sail or a bird on the wing is amazing. Their hearing is also very acute.

(2). *Statistics of Hair and Eye Colour:—*

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HAIR.	EYES.			Totals.	Percentage Hair Colours.
	Light.	Medium.	Dark.		
Red, ..	1	—	—	1	2.27
Fair, ..	7	—	—	7	15.90
Brown, ..	25	4	—	29	65.91
Dark, ..	4	1	—	5	11.36
Black, ..	—	1	1	2	4.54
Totals, ..	37	6	1	44	
Percentage Eye Colours, }	84.09	13.64	2.27	100.00	

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No.	Name.	Age.	Townland.	Eye Colour.	Hair Colour.	Skin.	REMARKS.
1	Boyce, Myles,	62	Middlequarter	blue	dark-brown	ruddy	Nose sinuous; school-master.
2	Lavelle, Anthony,	35	Knock	light-grey	dark	ruddy	Nose aquiline.
3	Railly, John,	63	Fawnmore	blue	brown	pale	Nose straight; is somewhat bald.
4	Malia, John,	50	Westquarter	grey	dark	pale	Nose straight; bald or vertex.
5	Joyce, James,	48	Middlequarter	blue	dark	ruddy	Lobe of ear attached; large left ear only partially developed.
6	Malia, Michael,	35	Knock	blue	brown	ruddy	Nose straight.
7	Walsh, Patrick,	24	Middlequarter	blue-grey	dark	pale	Sight very keen; nose straight.
8	Halloran, John,	20	Shark	blue-grey	brown	sallow	Nose straight.
9	Cannon, Michael,	19	Middlequarter	blue	fair	pale	Lobes of ears absent.
10	King, John,	40	Cloonamore	light-grey	brown	ruddy	Vision very acute.
11	Powell, Patrick,	24	Knock	light-grey	dark	ruddy	Vision very keen; nose straight; lobes of ears attached.
12	Cloherly, Festus,	24	Knock	dark-hazel	dark	ruddy	Nose retrousse.
13	Toole, John,	21	Knock	blue	dark	pale	Nose aquiline.
14	Scuffle, Patrick,	(?)	Cloonamore	blue	dark	pale	Nose straight; would not give age; lobes of ears attached.
15	Malia, George,	24	Shark	grey	dark	pale	Lobes of ears attached; vision very keen.
16	Halloran, John,	25	Westquarter	blue	red	ruddy	Nose sinuous.
17	Kenny, Michael,	31	Cloonamore	blue	dark	ruddy	Nose straight.
18	M'Greal, Michl,	20	Shark	green	dark	sallow	Nose straight; lobes of ears attached; a fine-looking specimen of the islanders.
19	Burk, Thomas,	19	Middlequarter	blue	brown	ruddy	Nose retrousse; lobes of ears attached.
20	Joyce, Michael,	19	Middlequarter	grey	dark-brown	pale	Nose sinuous; lobes of ears attached.
21	Prendergast, Wm.	53	Middlequarter	brown	black	ruddy	Nose straight; lobes of ears attached; teeth even and meeting.

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No.	Name.	Age.	Townland.	Eye Colour.	Hair Colour.	Skin.	REMARKS.
22	Lenane, John,	50	Middlequarter	grey-blue	dark	ruddy	Lobes of ears attached.
23	Leonard, John,	30	Middlequarter	blue	brown	pale	Nose straight; lobes of ears attached; teeth meet.
24	Walsh, John,*	30	Middlequarter	brown	black	pale	Nose aquiline; lobes of ears absent; sight keen.
25	Malia, Patrick,	—	Middlequarter	blue	dark	ruddy	Nose straight; lobes of ears attached; would not give age; sight good.
26	Cannon, Edward,	54	Middlequarter	blue	dark	ruddy	Nose straight; abundant beard.
27	Cannon, John,	53	Middlequarter	blue	brown	ruddy	Nose straight; abundant beard.
28	Lavelle, —,	60	(?)	dark-hazel	dark	pale	Nose sinuous; lobes of ears attached.
29	Cloherly, Patrick	19	Westquarter	grey-blue	dark	ruddy	Nose sinuous; lobes of ears absent; vision acute.
30	Lavelle, Thomas,	36	Westquarter	blue	brown	pale	Nose sinuous.
31	Martin, Thomas,	60	Westquarter	blue	dark	pale	Hair dark, when young; lobes of ears attached; sight very keen.
32	Cloherly, John,	38	Westquarter	blue	dark	ruddy	Nose aquiline; lobes of ears attached.
33	Lavelle, Michael,	50	Knock	blue	dark	pale	Slightly bald; nose straight.
34	Moran, Michael,	55	Middlequarter	dark-grey	brown	pale	Slightly bald; nose straight.
35	Mogan, —,	23	Westquarter	grey	black	pale	Hair on face brown; nose straight.
36	Halloran, Thomas	53	Westquarter	blue	brown	pale	Nose straight; slightly bald.
37	Halloran, Redmond,	36	Westquarter	blue	brown	pale	Obliterated folds of pinna; slightly bald; head of large size.
38	Lavelle, Patrick,	30	Fawnmore	blue	brown	pale	Nose sinuous; folds of pinna slightly obliterated.
39	Lavelle, John,	17	Fawnmore	blue	brown	pale	Hair curly; lobes of ears attached.
40	Naughten, Michl.	50	Middlequarter	blue	dark	pale	Nose straight; says he is of Scotch descent.
* Name indistinct.							

- 151 *Sight and Hearing.*—Both these senses are very acute, especially the former, which, in the fishermen, is extremely keen, many of these men can see small objects floating on the water at a distance where, even by the aid of a strong glass, most persons would find great difficulty in seeing them at all.

142 This description being a general one, little mention has been made
184 of the differences which exist between the people of different parts of the district. It appears to be the general opinion on the mainland, that the inhabitants of North Inishkea are taller than those of the South Island, and, also, that the natives of both islands are fairer than those of the mainland, and personal inspection has corroborated these opinions. The islanders are readily distinguishable from the mainland people, not only by their dress of blue homespun, but also by their fairer hair and complexion, and their different cast of features.

The men of the district round Portacloy are darker in hair and seem to be of a different type; many of them are exceedingly fine well-built fellows.

142 In no part of the district are the people of small stature, though
114 a large number of them are descendants of dispossessed Ulster people. On the contrary, they appear to be taller and stouter than the inhabitants of the southern part of the country. A statement,¹ originally made by an anonymous writer, has somehow gained currency, and has been repeatedly quoted abroad, noticeably by M. De Quatrefages,² and by M. Devay,³ that the descendants of the Ulster people driven two centuries ago into Sligo and Mayo, had dwindled into dwarfs of five feet two inches high, prognathous and pot-bellied.

This most certainly does not apply to any section of the inhabitants of this part of Mayo, if indeed it were ever true of any part of the counties named, which repeated inquiries and personal observation agree in denying most positively.

The statement is quite unsupported by other writers dealing with this region at the same time. Thus Mr. P. Knight, writing in 1834, says of the people of Erris that "they are generally a good-humoured, good-natured, hospitable, generous race—*of middle size*—active, intelligent, and, when an opportunity offers of showing it, industrious." C. O.⁴ describes the people as tall.

¹ Dublin University Magazine, No. 48, p. 658.

² L'Unité de l'Espèce Humaine, ii., 316.

³ Devay Fr. "Du Danger des Mariages consanguins sous le Rapport Sanitaire."

⁴ "Sketches in Erris and Tyrawley."